

The Riverside Church

in the City of New York



MAY 26, 2019
HEAL US, O LORD

WELCOME TO THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH

Interdenominational · Interracial · International · Open · Affirming · Welcoming

WORSHIP is at the center of the life of The Riverside Church.

As you prepare yourself for Worship, we invite you to reflect quietly on these words:

Did I offer peace today? Did I bring a smile to someone's face? Did I say words of healing? Did I let go of my anger and resentment? Did I forgive? Did I love?

These are the real questions. I must trust that the little bit of love that I sow now will bear many fruits, here in this world and the life to come.

-Henri Nouwen

THE LITURGICAL YEAR

The Riverside Church follows the liturgical calendar to mark the seasons of our life together. We are currently in the season of Eastertide, a period of 50 days following the resurrection of Jesus Christ until Pentecost. The liturgical color of Eastertide is white, which symbolizes the hope of the resurrection, as well as the purity and newness that comes from victory over sin and death, as signified by the paraments and clergy stoles.

REVIVE US, O LORD

We are currently in an exciting six-week series in worship on welcoming revival and newness of life in our personal lives, our life together as a church and as members of the global family. We'll be diving into the Gospel of John as we highlight practices like forgiveness, telling the truth, healing and being witnesses. During these six weeks we'll enjoy music from the Boyd Family Singers, remember the 50th anniversary of the Black Manifesto, celebrate Mother's Day and radically recommit ourselves and our church to being God's "Easter" people in the world.

IF THIS IS YOUR FIRST VISIT:

Complete a Welcome Card and place it in the offering plate as it passes.

A free church tour is offered each Sunday after Worship. Meet in the 1st balcony, no reservation necessary. Tours also take place Wednesday-Saturday, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., as church schedule permits, leaving from the Welcome Center / Gift Shop. Reservations recommended. Visit trcnyc.org/visit.

Assistive hearing devices and large print bulletins are available upon request from an usher.

MUSIC

Crying in the Chapel
Momo Boyd, vocalist

Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah
John Boyd, vocalist

WELCOME

Rev. Michael Livingston

†HYMN 316

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

Trentham

†CALLING ON THE HOLY SPIRIT¹

Rev. Alisha Gordon

One: With friends and strangers,
with family and neighbors, we gather:

**All: Come among us, Healing God,
with that love which never ends.**

One: With faith reaching out to touch,
with hearts straining to trust, we hope:

**All: Come among us, Friend of the broken,
with your compassion which makes us whole.**

One: With word and wonder,
with silence and song, we wait:

**All: Come among us, Dryer of our tears,
to lift us to our feet to follow you.**

†PRAYER

MUSIC

Hallelujah

Leonard Cohen

I've heard there was a secret chord that David played, and it pleased the Lord. But you don't really care for music do you? It goes like this, the fourth, the fifth, the minor fall, the major lift; the baffled king composing Hallelujah. You say I took the name in vain though I don't even know the name, but if I did, well really, what's it to you? There's a blaze of light in ev'ry word. It doesn't matter what you heard, the holy or the broken Hallelujah. I did my best, it wasn't much, I couldn't feel so I tried to touch; I've told the truth, I didn't come to fool you. And even though it all went wrong I'll stand before the Lord of Song with nothing on my tongue but Hallelujah.

The Riverside Inspirational Choir
Nedra Olds-Neal, director Ramona Dunlap, soprano
Tash Neal, vocal/guitar Matt King, piano

†*All who are able, please stand*

†GOSPEL LESSON

Rev. George Walker

John 5:1-9

(pg. 96 in *New Testament*)

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

Rev. Debra Northern

Do You Want To Be Made Well?

MUSIC

There is a Balm in Gilead

Abraham Boyd, vocalist

CHOIR

Abide with Me

TESTIMONY

Rev. Livingston

RADICAL COMMITMENT

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pray in the language or version of your heart.

Our Father, who art in heaven,

Hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come,

Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

†SHARING THE PEACE

One: Peace be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

SHARING OUR GIFTS

Rev. Kevin Van Hook

OFFERING

It Is Well with My Soul

arr. Eugene Palmore

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll; Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul. It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul. Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, let this blest assurance control, that Christ hath regarded my helpless estate, and hath shed His own blood for my soul. My sin - oh, the bliss of this glorious thought! - my sin, not in part but the whole, is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more, praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! And Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll; the trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend, even so, it is well with my soul.

Karen McVoy, soprano

†All who are able, please stand

†PRESENTING OUR GIFTS

The congregation rises row by row as ushers pass to symbolize the offering of our whole selves to God.

**To God be the glory,
To God be the glory,
To God be the glory,
For the things You have done.**

†PRAYER OF GRATITUDE AND CELEBRATION

Rev. Van Hook

Today we celebrate the ministry of Riverside's Coming Home program, which seeks to empower men and women who are returning to the community from incarceration. Participants work with facilitators and mentors to support personal healing and growth, skill development, and reintegration into the community.

†SENDING OUT

Rev. Debra Northern

†CLOSING MUSIC

Orwigsburg

I Must Tell Jesus

**I must tell Jesus all of my trials;
I cannot bear these burdens alone;
In my distress He kindly will help me;
He ever loves and cares for His own.**

CHORUS

**I must tell Jesus!
I must tell Jesus!
I cannot bear my burdens alone;
I must tell Jesus!
I must tell Jesus!
Jesus can help me, Jesus alone.**

**I must tell Jesus all of my troubles;
He is a kind, compassionate friend;
If I but ask Him, He will deliver,
Make of my troubles quickly an end.**

CHORUS

**Tempted and tried, I need a great Savior,
One who can help my burdens to bear;
I must tell Jesus, I must tell Jesus;
He all my cares and sorrows will share.**

CHORUS

**O how the world to evil allures me!
O how my heart is tempted to sin!
I must tell Jesus, and He will help me
Over the world the vict'ry to win.**

CHORUS

†All who are able, please stand

Welcome to the newest members of our
Riverside Church family who joined May 19th, 2019

Chen Wang	Charles J. Buck
Kathy Luna	Susan Buck
Charles J. Lewis	Andres Acevedo
Veronique Merritt	Katie Stack
Christopher Inegbedion	Sidney Outlaw
Janette Kemp	

**Congratulations to our newly-elected lay leaders,
elected on May 19, 2019**

Budget & Planning

Ed Lowe

Church Council

Geraldine Howard

Allen Kratz

Karen McVoy

Marilyn Mitchell

Education

Raydale Blaylock-Shand

Chiara Fuller

Bryan Harris

Jennifer James Soto

Kate Sullivan

Charlene Wingate

**Membership, Care, and
Parish Life**

Danielle Hartley

Mission and Social Justice

Carol Fouke-Mpoyo

Susan Wersan

Nominating Committee

Abosede George

Imelda Isles

Worship

Patricia Ali

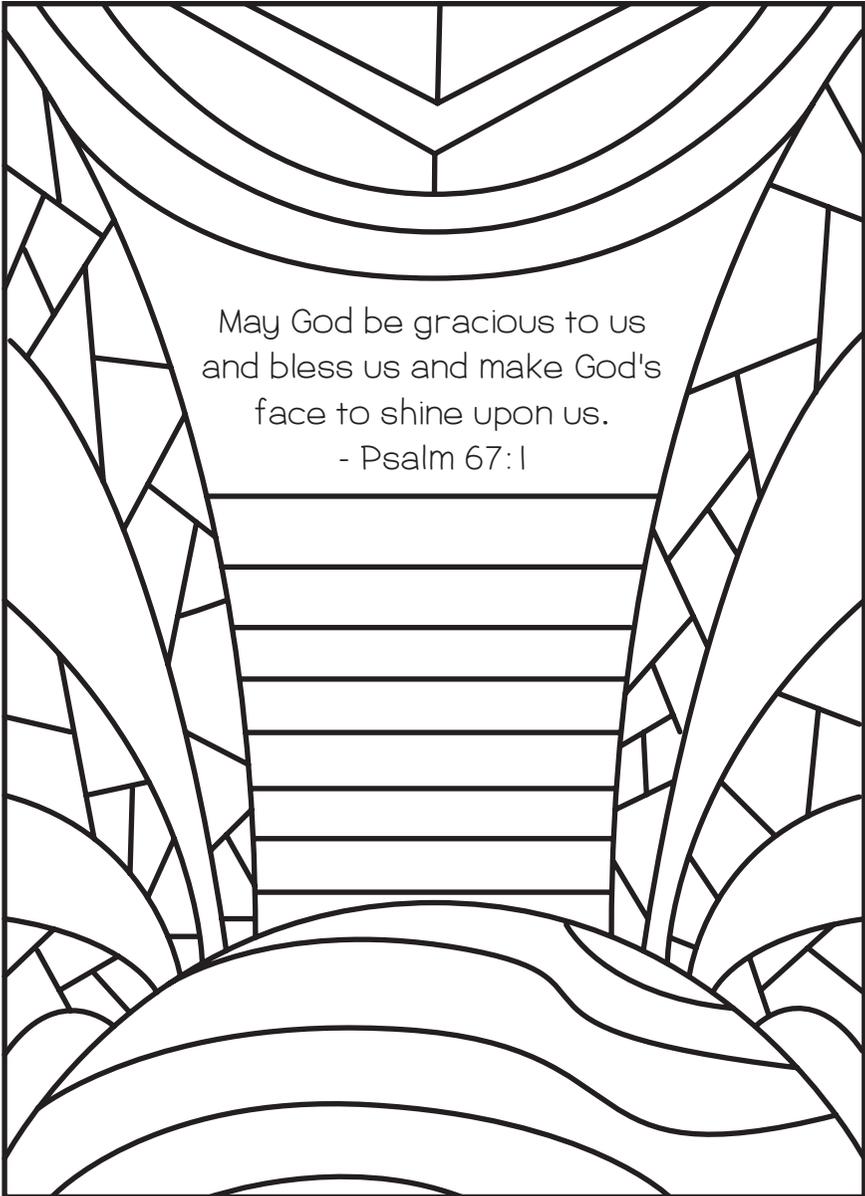
Derrick Jordan

Mari Satterlee

Jesse Wilkins

*Special thanks to our congregational leader:
Rev. George Walker*

Liturgical Resources for Today:
Thom Shuman



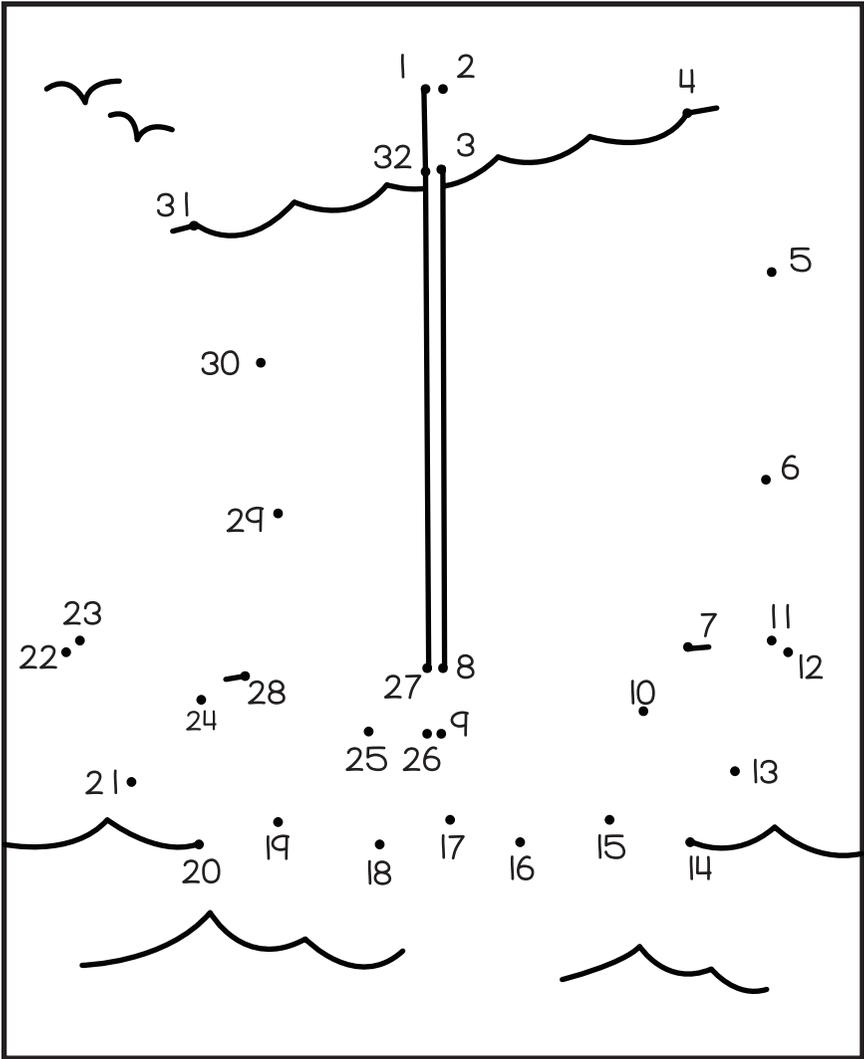
May God be gracious to us
and bless us and make God's
face to shine upon us.
- Psalm 67:1



the LORD GOD will be
your LIGHT

CONNECT the DOTS

Paul had a vision from God telling him to go to Macedonia. Paul got in his boat, and sailed there. While in Macedonia, he would meet amazing people, like Lydia, and do important ministry. Connect the dots to form Paul's sailboat. Inside or around the boat, draw some things God has asked you to do.



ABOUT RIVERSIDE

The Riverside Church is an interdenominational, interracial, international, open, welcoming, and affirming church and congregation. The church is a member of the American Baptist Churches, U.S.A. and the United Church of Christ. Riverside cooperates with the Council of Churches in the City of New York and with the New York State, National, and World Council of Churches. Rev. Dr. Amy Butler is the seventh senior minister of the church and the first woman to serve in this position at the church. Whoever you are: You are safe here. You are loved here. You are invited into full participation in our life together.

Rev. Dr. Amy Butler, Senior Minister
Rev. Dr. James Forbes, Senior Minister Emeritus

TALK WITH THE PREACHER

Read transcripts of Pastor Amy's sermons online at trcnyc.org/sermons.
Follow Pastor Amy on Twitter at @PastorAmyTRC.

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

For announcements of programs and events at The Riverside Church, please pick up the Life of the Community newsletter located in the back of the pew or outside the Welcome Center. Visit trcnyc.org/Events for more information and to download a copy.

PARKING - 5/26/2019

Parking is available in the garage below the building. Present this bulletin to the attendant before 6:00 p.m. for a reduced rate of \$5.00.

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